

MS Amendment  
PATENT  
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**IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al.

Conf. 4061

Application No. 10/562,682

Group 3679

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Examiner Fannie C Kee

LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

**AMENDMENT**

October 21, 2010

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 12, 2010,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.